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October 14, 1999

**EX PARTE**

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 - 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, TW-A325  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-160  
Cost Proxy Model Proceeding

Dear Ms. Salas:

On October 13, 1999, Melissa Newman, Frank Hatzenbuehler, Peter Copeland and the undersigned, representing U S WEST, met with Dorothy Attwood, Legal Advisor to Chairman Kennard and Linda Kinney, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Ness, to discuss the above-referenced proceeding. During that meeting, U S WEST agreed to provide additional information concerning the degree to which we continue to serve significant portions of the rural areas within our 14 State region. The attached materials are submitted pursuant to that commitment.

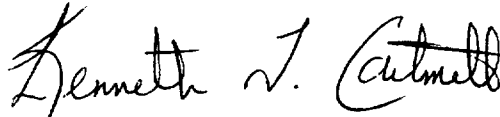
Due to the complexity of this analysis, and with the belief that this information must be filed in this proceeding today in order to avoid "sunshine provisions," U S WEST was only able to complete the preparation of line density information for 5 States within our region. U S WEST would be happy to provide this information for the remaining 9 States in our region, per your request.

In accordance with Section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's rules, an original and three copies of this letter and attachment are being filed with your office for inclusion in the public record of this proceeding.

A courtesy copy of this presentation will be sent to Katie King, Common Carrier Bureau.

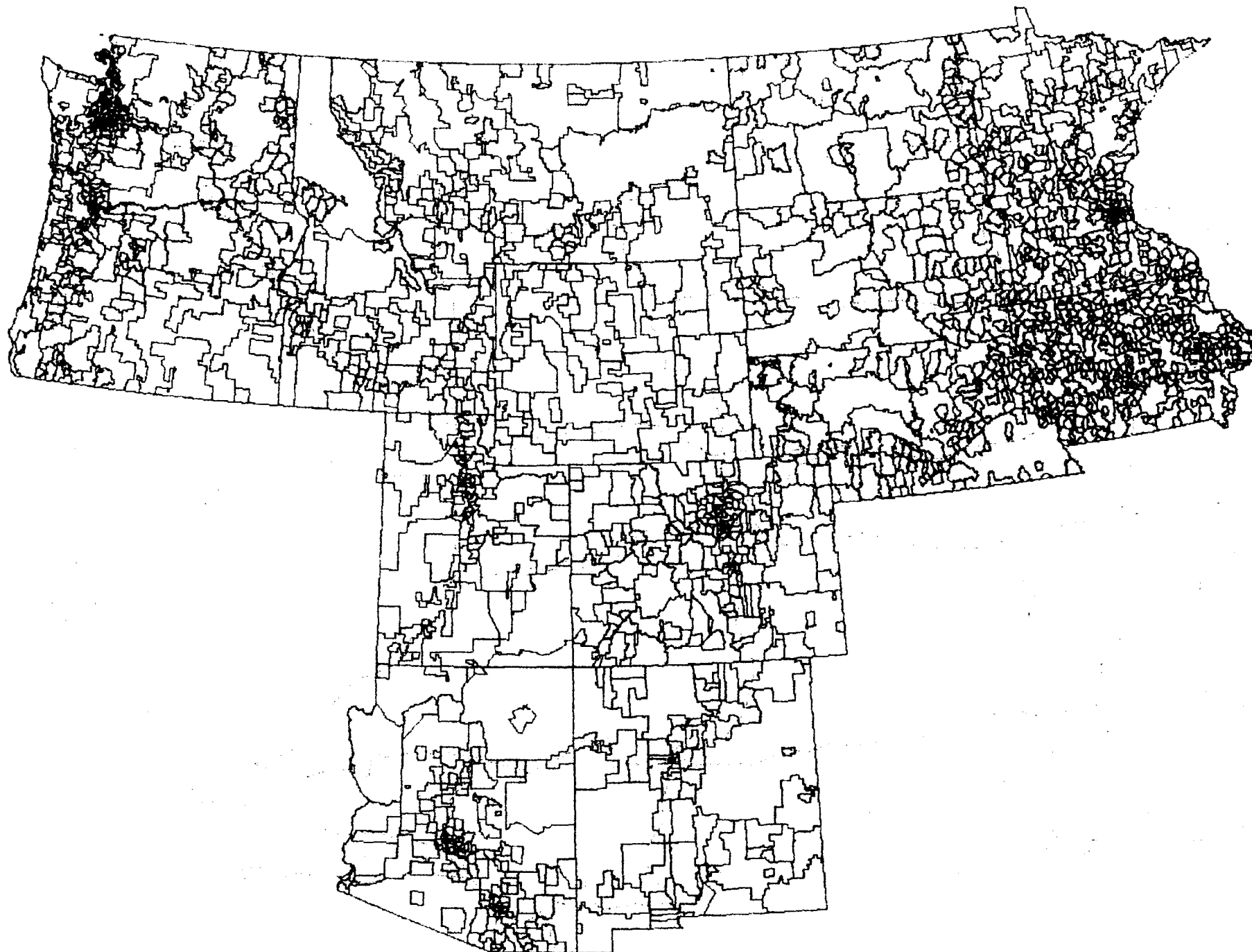
Acknowledgment and date of receipt of this submission are requested. A duplicate of this letter is attached for this purpose.

Sincerely,



Attachments

cc: Ms. Dorothy Attwood  
Ms. Linda Kinney  
Ms. Katie King



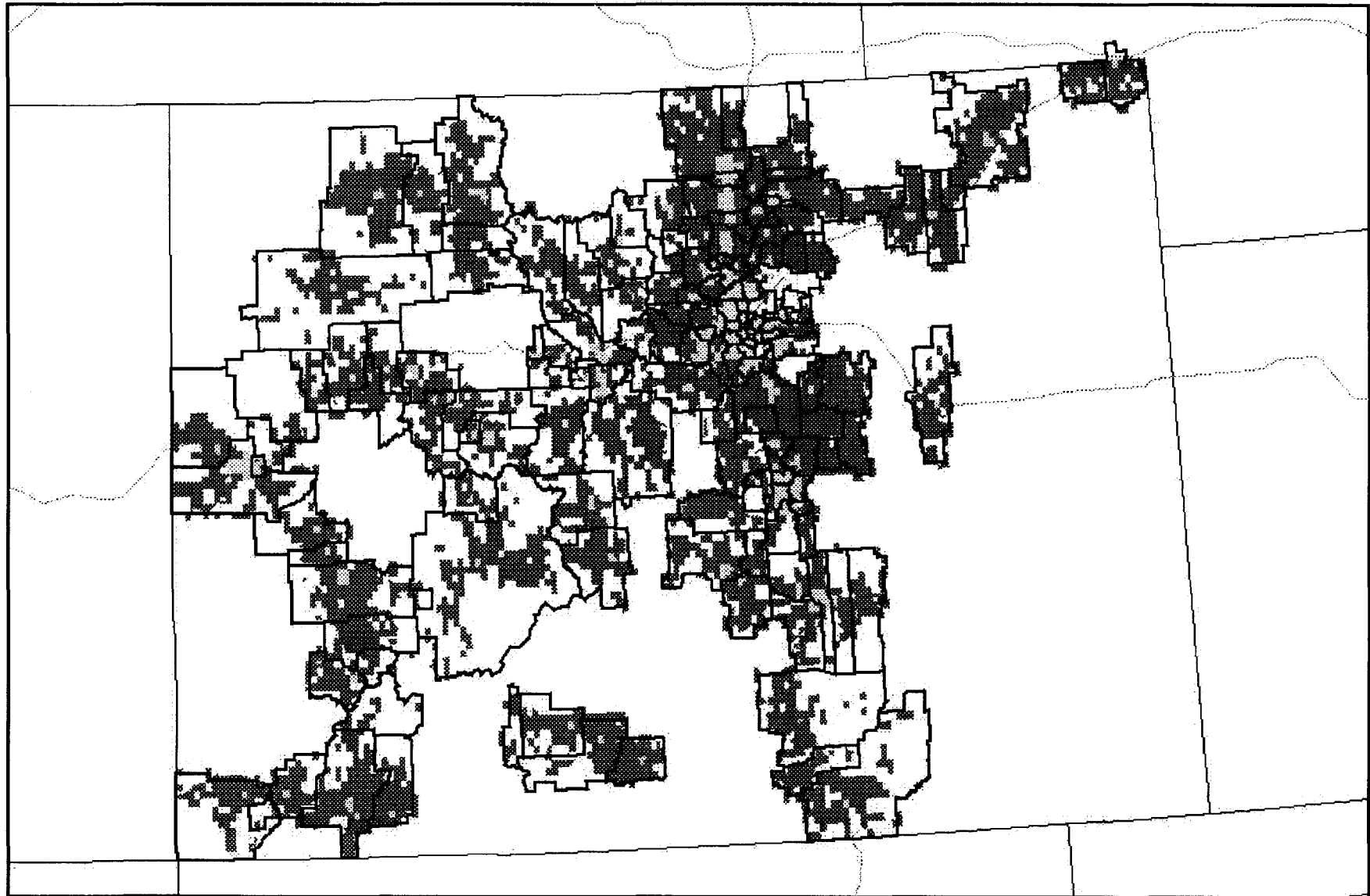
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Interstates  
Open Territory  
Independent Territory  
U.S. West Territory

# Colorado



U S WEST Line Density Map

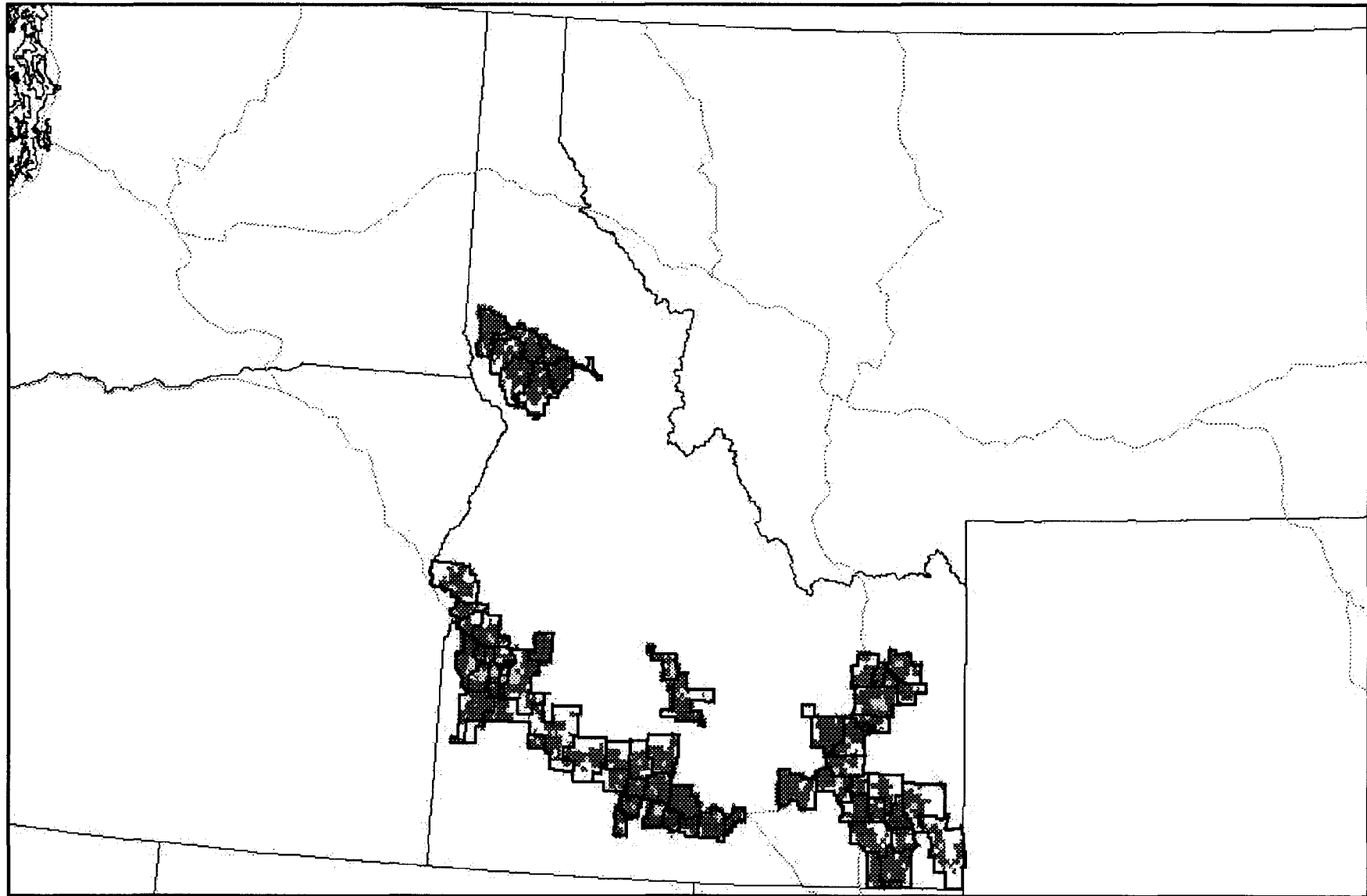
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## Legend

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- Greater than 100 Lines/SQ MI
- Less than 100 Lines/SQ MI

Idaho






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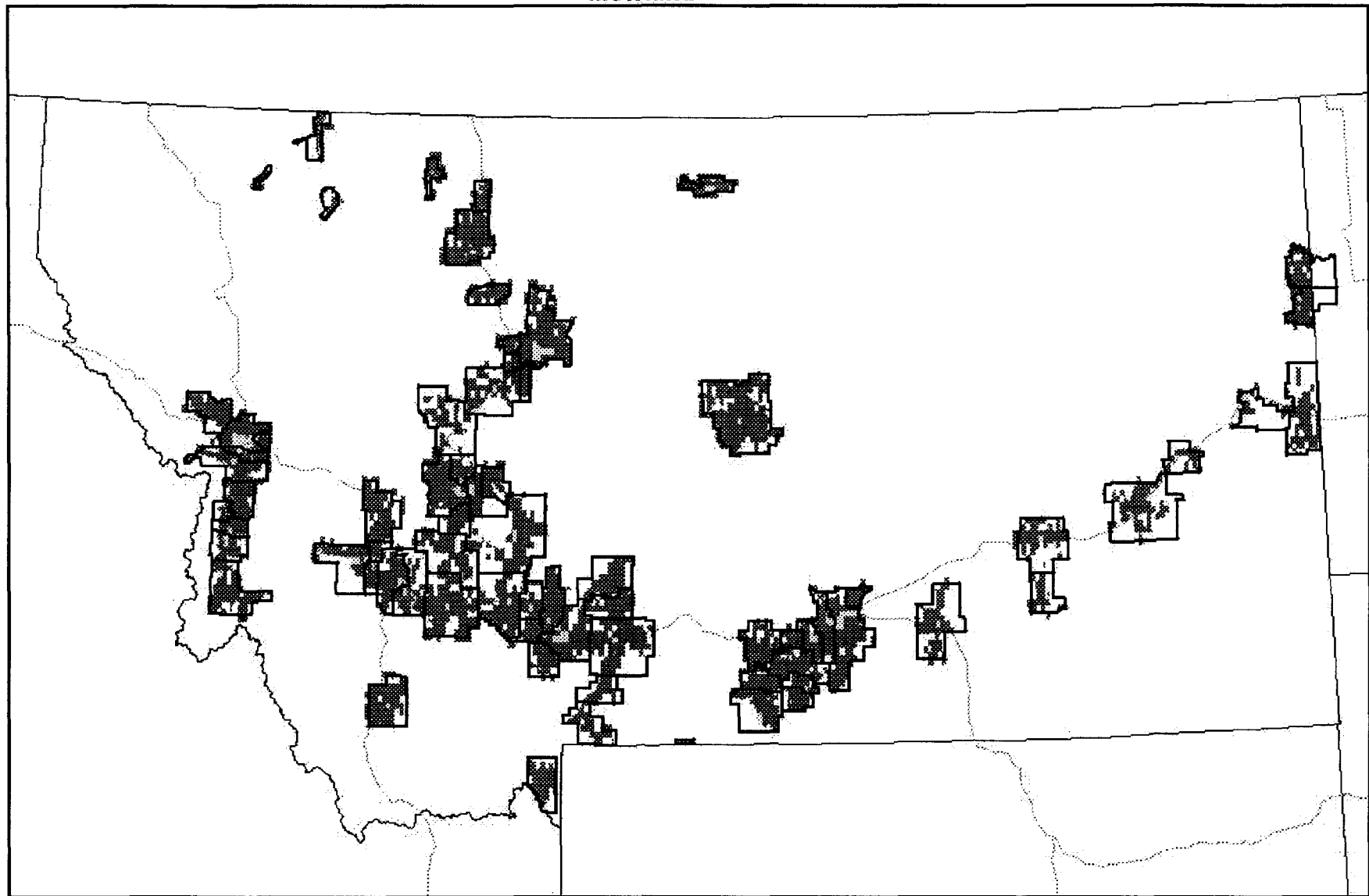
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# Montana



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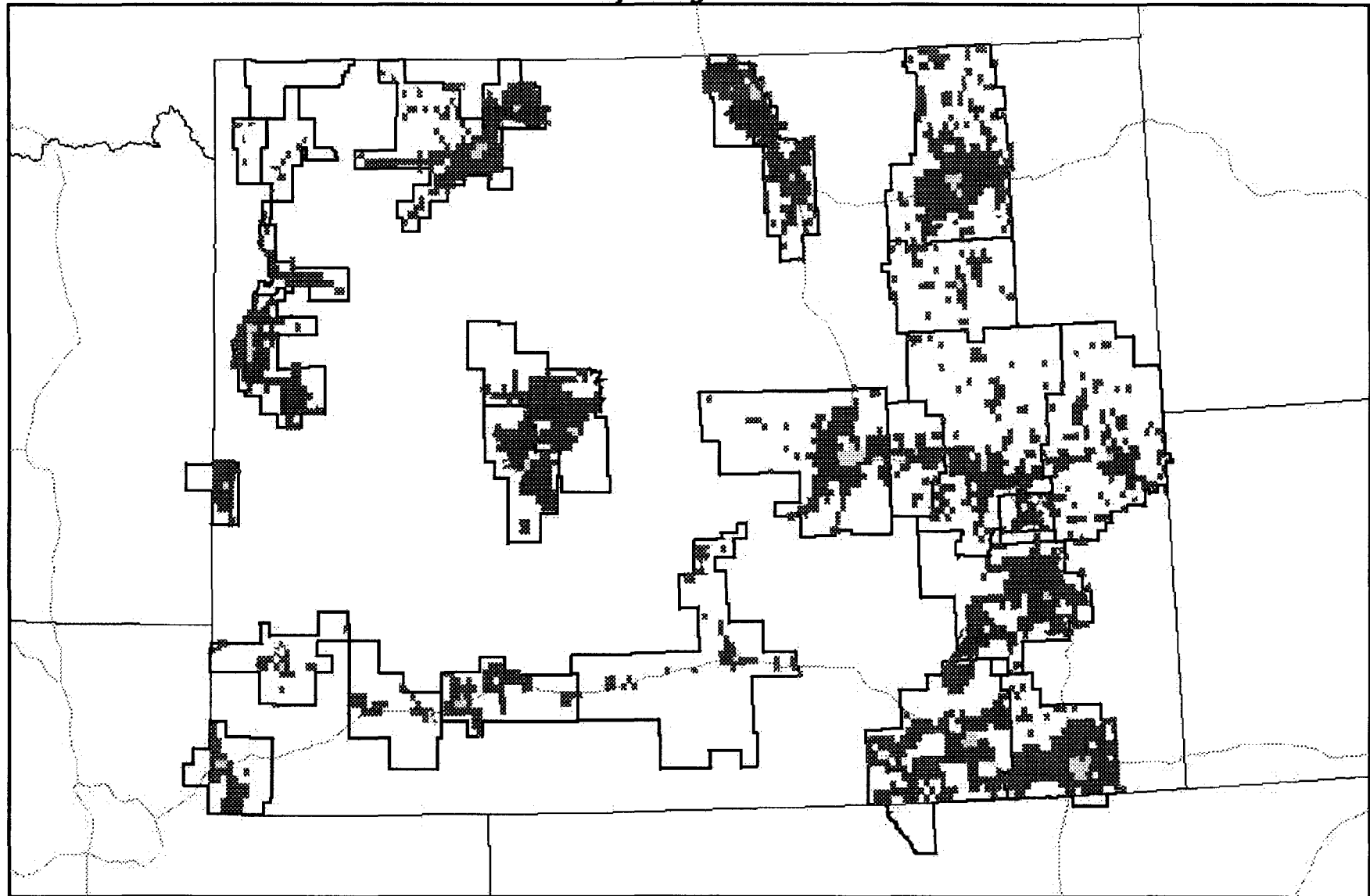
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Wyoming






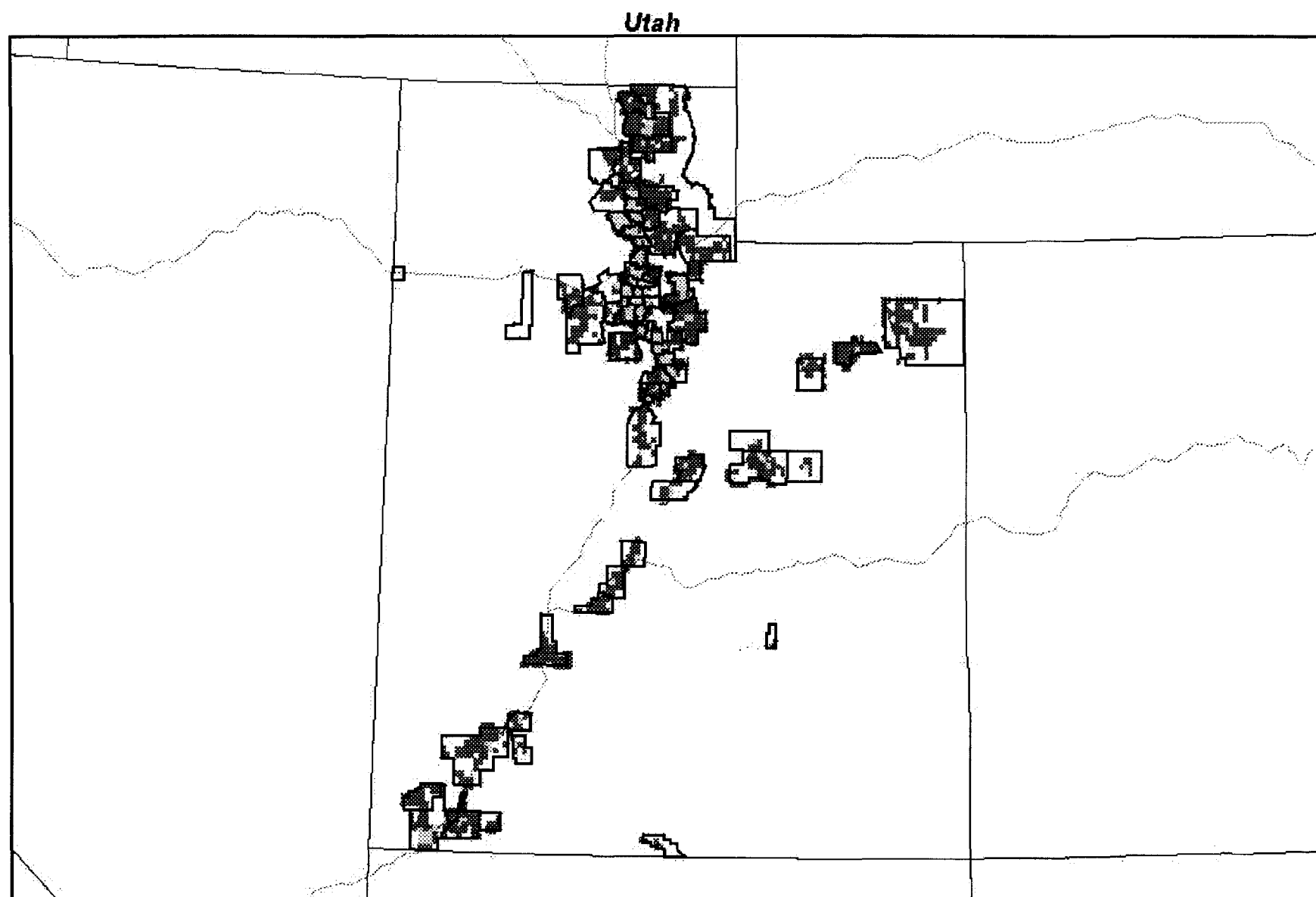
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